

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for managing outputs to peripheral devices in medical systems devices, said method comprising:

providing an instruction to provide an output;

creating a data object based on the instruction; and

storing the data object in a first memory if a peripheral device that provides the output is not available to accept the data object, wherein the first memory stores the data object for a longer term than a second memory.

2. A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:

storing the data object in the second memory; and

determining whether the peripheral device is available to accept the data object; and

transferring the data object from the second memory to the first memory upon determining that the peripheral device is not available.

3. A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising enabling a user to access the data object from the first memory.

4. A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:

acknowledging that the data object is received by the peripheral device if the data object is received by the peripheral device.

5. A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said providing the instruction to provide the output comprises one of:

instructing to print; text, report, images,

instructing to record to a video cassette recorder;

instructing to electronically mail a copy of images to a remote location;

instructing to create a copy of the images on one of a floppy disk, a magneto-optical disk, a CD, a DVD, a flash memory card, and a digital versatile disc; and

instructing to create a copy of a patient's information on the digital versatile disc.

6. A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said creating the data object based on the instructions comprises one of:

creating a first data object that instructs to print;

creating a second data object that instructs to record to a video cassette recorder;

creating a third data object that instructs to electronically mail a copy of images to a remote location;

creating a fourth data object that instructs to create a copy of images on one of a floppy disk, a magneto-optical disk, and a digital versatile disc; and

creating a fifth data object that instructs to create a copy of a patient's information on the digital versatile disc.

7. A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein said storing the data object in the first memory if the peripheral device that provides the output is not available to accept the data object comprises:

storing the data object in the first memory if the peripheral device that provides the output is at least one of deenergized and unoperational.

8. A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein a processor is configured to create the data object based on the instructions and wherein said storing

the data object in the first memory if the peripheral device that provides the output is not available to accept the data object comprises:

storing the data object in the first memory if the peripheral device that provides the output is operationally de-coupled from the processor.

9. An imaging system comprising:

a source for transmitting signals; and

a processor operationally coupled to said source, said processor configured to:

receive an instruction to provide an output;

create a data object based on the instruction; and

instruct to store the data object in a first memory if a peripheral device that provides the output is not available to accept the data object, wherein the first memory stores the data object for a longer term than a second memory.

10. An imaging system in accordance with claim 9 wherein said processor is configured to:

instruct to store the data object in said second memory; and

determine whether said peripheral device is available to accept the data object; and

transfer the data object from said second memory to said first memory on determining that said peripheral device is not available.

11. An imaging system in accordance with claim 9 wherein said processor is configured to perform one of:

enable a user to obtain the data object from said first memory; and

automatically obtain the data object from said first memory.

12. An imaging system in accordance with claim 9 wherein said processor is configured to:

receive an acknowledgment that the data object is received by said peripheral device if the data object is received by said peripheral device.

13. An imaging system in accordance with claim 9 wherein to receive the instruction to provide the output, said processor configured to perform one of:

receive an instruction to print;

receive an instruction to record to a video cassette recorder;

receive an instruction to electronically mail a copy of images to a remote location;

receive an instruction to create a copy of images on one of a floppy disk, a magneto-optical disk, and a digital versatile disc; a flash memory card, a compact disc, and

receive an instruction to create a copy of a patient's information on said digital versatile disc.

14. An imaging system in accordance with claim 9 wherein to create the data object based on the instructions said processor configured to perform one of:

create a first data object that instructs to print;

create a second data object that instructs to record to a video cassette recorder;

create a third data object that instructs to electronically mail a copy of images to a remote location;

create a fourth data object that instructs to create a copy of images on one of a floppy disk, a magneto-optical disk, and a digital versatile disc; and

create a fifth data object that instructs to create a copy of a patient's information on said digital versatile disc.

15. An imaging system in accordance with claim 9 wherein to instruct to store the data object in said first memory if said peripheral device that provides the output is not available to accept the data object said processor is configured to:

instruct to store the data object in said first memory if said peripheral device that provides the output is at least one of de-energized and unoperational.

16. An imaging system in accordance with claim 9 wherein to instruct to store the data object in said first memory if said peripheral device that provides the output is not available to accept the data object said processor configured to:

instruct to store the data object in said first memory if said peripheral device that provides the output is operationally de-coupled from said processor.

17. A computer-readable medium encoded with a program configured to:

receive an instruction to provide an output;

create a data object based on the instruction; and

instruct to store the data object in a first memory if a peripheral device that provides the output is not available to accept the data object, wherein said first memory stores the data object for a longer term than a second memory.

18. A computer-readable medium in accordance with claim 17 wherein said program is configured to:

instruct to store the data object in the second memory; and

determine whether said peripheral device is available to accept the data object; and

transfer the data object from said second memory to said first memory on determining that said peripheral device is not available.

19. A computer-readable medium in accordance with claim 17 wherein said program is configured to enable a user to obtain the data object from said first memory.

20. A computer-readable medium in accordance with claim 17 wherein said program is configured to:

receive an acknowledgment that the data object is received by said peripheral device if the data object is received by said peripheral device.